

VIKING NEWSLETTER

April 3, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

LEVEL UP CELEBRATION

Students participated in a celebration for meeting some of our school wide academic goals and for the individual academic growth among our students. Special thanks to Luke who coded his own video game entitled *Viking Adventure*. We are looking forward to our spring assessment to see even further growth from our students!



















SAFETY PROTOCOL AND LOCKDOWN DRILL

Lockdown Drill - April 3, 2025

A lockdown drill was conducted for the whole school today. The primary objective of a drill is to provide practice to build muscle memory. It also allows our school to validate procedures, clarify roles, and identify operational process gaps.



Should Parents Come to the School During a Lockdown?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a

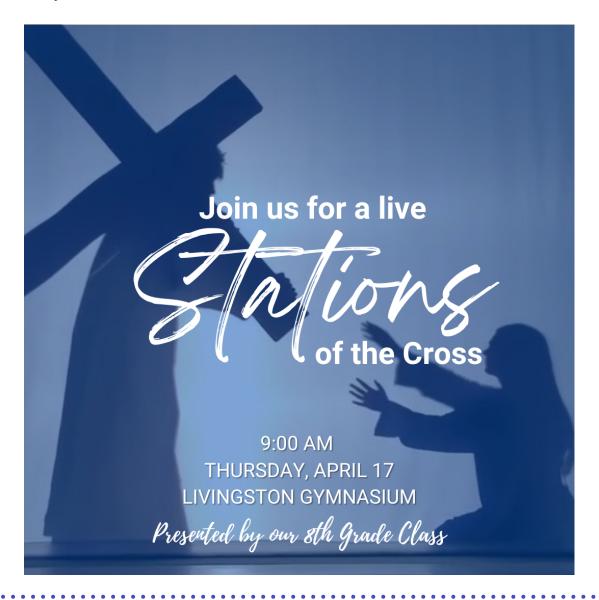
Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

Should Parents Text their Student?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students with phones to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis. In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 3rd @ 2:30 PM in the Church April 10th @ 2:30 PM in the Church April 17th @ 9:15 AM in the Livingston Gym Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will lead our school community in Stations of the Cross during Lent. Please join us!





CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 5th 11:00 AM, St. Mary's Cathedral We offer our prayers and congratulations to our 8th grade students who will be confirmed this weekend.

APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - OBEDIENCE

Help extend what our students are learning at home! Discuss the virtue at your dinner table. Invoke the saint that is a model of that virtue, and check out page 33 of the parents' guide for more ways to live out the virtue at home.

Patrons of Obedience:

PK-2: Our Lady

3rd-5th: St. Juan Diego

6th-8th: St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

OBEDIENCE

Saying 'yes' to the loving will of God



- Obedience is an act of love. We say 'yes' to God's plan for us.
- We must obey God because everything we are or have is a gift from God. He alone knows our true needs. He alone loves us perfectly.
- God loves us and wants us to be truly happy. Our acts of service and obedience to the Commandments show our love of God.

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.

Deuteronomy 28:1



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IMPORTANT FIRST COMMUNION DATES FOR SECOND GRADERS

Wednesday, April 9th

First Communion Practice & Prayer Service at 6:00 PM Students at church, parents at the parish hall

Friday, April 11th

First Communion Retreat Day

Saturday, April 12th

First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00 AM

Friday, May 2nd

School May Crowning at 9:15 AM School Mass (wear First Communion clothes)

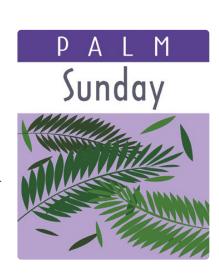
Sunday, May 4th

May Crowning at <u>9:00 AM</u> Parish Mass, followed by Blessing of Gifts & Enrollment in the Brown Scapular (wear First Communion clothes)

PALM SUNDAY MASS

Sunday, April 13th 9:00am Mass

Father Willard invites all kindergarten through third grade students to participate in the procession of palms on <u>Sunday, April 13th</u> <u>during the 9:00am Mass</u>. These students will be part of the choir for that Mass as well. Following Mass there will be an Easter egg hunt on our school field.





SCHOOL UNIFORM SHORTS

Monday, April 14th

Beginning Monday, April 14th students may wear uniform shorts to school.

EARLY DISMISSAL/EASTER BREAK

Thursday, April 17th:

- Dismissal at 1:30pm
- Aftercare closes at 4:30pm

Friday, April 18th - Friday, April 25th:

• No School, Easter Break



Lunch Menus

JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE APPROACHING

Applications due Friday, April 25th

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained <u>here</u>.



Consult the detailed <u>protocols and procedures</u> and <u>checklist</u> for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2025-2026 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is <u>April 25, 2025</u>. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2025.

Apply here: https://online.factsmgt.com/aid.



EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, April 30th

Pictures will be taken of the eighth graders in their cap and gown and in their dress attire. Eighth graders should arrive to school in dress attire and bring their cap and gown <u>labeled</u>. They should also bring their school uniforms to change immediately following pictures.



Thursday, May 8th, 7:00pm Friday, May 9th, 7:00pm Saturday, May 10th, 7:00pm

Save the date for the 17th annual St. Vincent de Paul musical. We hope to see everyone there!

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Are you looking for a way to celebrate the season of Lent with your family? Our parish is offering additional Adoration and Confession times, Masses, and Stations of the Cross during Lent.



If you have never experienced the beautiful liturgies during Holy Week, I highly encourage you to join us for some or all of these Masses and devotions.



ATTENTION ALL PARISH AND SCHOOL FAMILIES

We would like to have all of our parish families actively engaged in the life of our parish and school. Please take a minute to complete the survey below.



to take our Vocare - Forming
Disciples Survey



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Thank you for your time!



Perfect for Ages 12 & Up!

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY. It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



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Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Parish 6001 N University St, Peoria, IL 61614





PEORIA NOTRE DAME NEWS

TUCK EVERLASTING, THE MUSICAL

Friday, April 4th Saturday, April 5th

PND's spring musical is April 4th at 7:30 PM and April 5th at 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.







Upcoming Events



APR 04	All School Mass e 9:15 AM
APR 05	8th Grade Confirmation a 11 AM, cathedral
APR 07	All School Chaplet of Divine Mercy & 2:35 PM
APR 08	Adoration, all day
APR 10	Stations of the Cross @ 2:30 PM
APR 11	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
APR 12	First Holy Communion e 10 AM
APR 15	Adoration, all day
APR 17	Witness to Stations – live stations led by 8th Early Dismissal e 1:30 PM
APR 18 - 25	No School – Easter Break
APR 28	School Resumes



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